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in a second edition, for they are formal rather than fundamental. Mr. Abbott's treatise may be recommended to the profession as up-to-date, careful, and thorough, — one of the best of recent contributions to text-book law.

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THE LAW OF INNKEEPERS AND HOTELS, including other Public Houses, Theatres, and Sleeping Cars. By Joseph Henry Beale, Jr. Boston: William J. Nagel. 1906. pp. xviii, 621. 8vo.

It is hardly enough to say of this book that it deals with a special topic of the law in an exhaustive manner, not only collecting every case in common law lands relating to the business of innkeeping, but separating the different points arising in each case. Nor is it sufficient to add that the execution of the book is so painstaking and the detail so comprehensive as to cover not only all the contingencies discussed in the cases, but even going so far as to anticipate many problems which no case has raised as yet. To a student of the law the chief interest of this book is in the general analysis of the subject, and in its subdivision, for the law is exceptional and its incidence is uncertain. Of all the early public callings, only those of carriers and innkeepers survived the breaking down of state regulation when the mediæval system came to its end. But while common carriage always has received the treatment that its importance deserves, the similar law governing the conduct of public houses, although enforced for centuries, has never been worked out in a satisfactory manner before. The practical importance of doing this at this time is that it furnishes a body of law which may be utilized properly in dealing with the many problems of public service which modern conditions have forced to the front. It is in this aspect, as the author says in his preface, that the subject is worth such elaborate consideration. The rapid and enormous growth of the modern public service corporations has outstripped the law. It is only if the law proves adequate to grapple with every sort of violation of public duty by those who are in control of the public services that it will be safe to leave these businesses in private hands.

B. W.

LINCOLN THE LAWYER. By Frederick Trevor Hill. New York: The Century Company. 1906. pp. xviii, 332. 8vo.

This book throws new light upon the wonderful career of Abraham Lincoln. Mr. Hill has taken great pains to consult the original records, converse with as many men as possible who knew Lincoln as a lawyer, and thus he is able to make valuable deductions. Moreover, his legal training, power of analysis, and his facility as a writer fit him to produce a work worthy of the subject. He shows most conclusively that it was the long training at the bar, where Lincoln met all sorts of characters and the brightest legal talents of the day, that equipped him for the arduous duties of President in those trying times. The emphasis of this fact makes the present work a valuable contribution to the literature about the career of Lincoln.

ENGLISCHES STAATSRICHT, mit Berücksichtigung der für Scotland und Irland geltenden Sonderheiten. Von Julius Hatschek. II. Band: Die Verwaltung. Tübingen: Verlag von J. C. B. Mohr. 1906. pp. viii, 710. 8vo.